

March 13, 2018

Dear Co-Chair Doyle, Co-Chair Kissel, Co-Chair Tong, Vice Chair Winfield, Vice Chair McLachlan, Vice Chair Stafstrom, Ranking Member Rebimbas, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this public hearing testimony in SUPPORT of HB 5469, An Act Concerning Bear Hunting.

I am in Support of increased poaching penalties regarding Bears and I am URGING YOU to Support this bill also!

Connecticut's small bear population needs protection, not bear hunts. Poaching of any animals should have stiff penalties and in most cases they do not. Currently, poaching is only a Class C misdemeanor. There has not been any effort to increase poaching penalties. That is not much incentive to stop a trophy hunter from getting their prize bear kill.

Please stand with me on this vote.

Sincerely,

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